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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA - VOTES ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA

REF: (A) USUN 5462, (B) USUN 5591

1. SUMMARY. AS CRITICAL PLENARY VOTES ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS APPROACH (EXPECTED NOVEMBER 18), CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO COMPARE 1974 AND 1975 COMMITTEE ONE VOTES ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IN 1974, IN COMMITTEE ONE OUR RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 61(US)-42-32. IN 1975, THE VOTE WAS MUCH CLOSER 59(US)-51-29. END SUMMARY.

2. IN 1975, OUR RESOLUTION LOST SIX (6) VOTES CAST IN ITS FAVOR IN 1974:

CHAD (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSTAIN)
ECUADOR (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSTAIN)
CAMBODIA (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 AGAINST)
PANAMA (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSENT)
QATAR (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSTAIN)
TUNISIA (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSTAIN).

3. IN 1975, OUR RESOLUTION GOT FOUR (4) NEW VOTES IN FAVOR WHICH IT DID NOT HAVE IN 1974:

INDONESIA (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 IN FAVOR)

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MALAWI (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 IN FAVOR)

MALDIVES (1974 ABSENT; 1975 IN FAVOR)
SINGAPORE (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 IN FAVOR).

4. IN 1975, 10 NEW VOTES WERE CAST AGAINST OUR RESOLUTION:

CAMBODIA (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 AGAINST)
CAPE VERDE (1975 AGAINST, NEW MEMBER)
ETHIOPIA (1974 ABSTAIN, 1975 AGAINST)
GHANA (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 AGAINST)
GUYANA (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 AGAINST)
LAOS (1974 ABSENT, 1975 AGAINST)
MOZAMBIQUE (1975 AGAINST, NEW MEMBER)
NIGERIA (1974 ABSTAIN, 1975 AGAINST)
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE (1975 AGAINST, NEW MEMBER)
UR CAMEROON (1974 ABSTAIN, 1975 AGAINST).

5. IN 1975, ONE 1974 VOTE AGAINST OUR RESOLUTION DISAPPEARED:

UGANDA (1974 AGAINST, 1975 ABSENT).

6. THE FOLLOWING 24 COUNTRIES ABSTAINED ON THE FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION IN BOTH 1974 AND 1975:

AFGHANISTAN, ARGENTINA, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, GHUTAN, BURMA,
CYPRUS, FIJI, FINLAND, INDIA, JAMAICA, KENYA, LEBANON,
MALAYSIA, MEXICO, NEPAL, NIGER, PAKISTAN, PERU, SIERRA LEONE,
SRI LANKA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,
ZIRE.

7. FORTY-ONE (41) STATES VOTED AGAINST OUR RESOLUTION BOTH
IN 1974 AND 1975:

ALBANIA, ALGERIA, BOTSWANA, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIAN
SSR, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DAHOMEY, DEMOCRATIC
YEMEN, EGYPT, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GDR, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU,
HUNGARY, IRAQ, KUWAIT, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MALTA.
MAURITANIA, MONGOLIA, POLAND, ROMANIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL,
SOMALIA, SUDAN, SYRIA, TOGO, UKRAINIAN SSR, USSR,
UR TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA, YEMEN AR, YUGOSLAVIA, ZAMBIA.

8. IN COMPARISON WITH 1974, OUR RESOLUTION LOST SUPPORT
AS FOLLOWS:

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AF - CHAD, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, NIGERIA, CAMEROON.

ARA - ECUADOR, GUYANA, PANAMA (ABSENT).

EA - CAMBODIA, LAOS.

NEA - QATAR, TUNISIA.

9. OUR RESOLUTION GAINED SUPPORT AS FOLLOWS:

AF - MALAWI, UGANDA (ABSENT).

EA - INDONESIA, SINGAPORE.

NEA -MALDIVES

10. OUR RESOLUTION'S WINNING MARGIN DECLINED FROM 19 VOTES IN 1974 TO 8 VOTES IN 1975. THIS DROP REFLECTED IN CONSIDERABLE PART COMMUNIST TAKE-OVERS IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS PLUS ADMISSION TO THE UN OF THREE NEW LEFTIST OR LEFT-LEANING STATES (MOZAMBIQUE, CAPE VERDE, AND SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE) WHICH HAVE EMERGED FROM PORTUGAL'S FORMER TERRITORIES. WITH THE HOSTIL SIDE FURTHER BOLSTERED BY THE ADMISSION OF THE COMOROS ON NOVEMBER 12 AND WITH THE NORTH KOREANS CARRYING ON THEIR VIGOROUS, OFTEN HEAVY-HANDED AND SOMETIMES REPORTEDLY THREATENING LOBBYING (WITH SMALL COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR), THERE IS LITTLE ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY ABOUT THE VOTE ON OUR RESOLUTION IN PLENARY. ON THE OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, REPORTS INDICATE THAT OUR SIDE'S CONTINUED LOBBYING IS HELPING TO MAINTAIN OUR RESOLUTION'S MARGIN AND TO LIMIT THE MARGIN FOR THE COMMUNIST-SPONSORED RESOLUTION WHICH WON BY 13 VOTES IN COMMITTEE ONE.

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